



August 2, 2011

THE HONORABLE JOSEPH LIEBERMAN  
UNITED STATES SENATE  
ONE CONSTITUTION PLAZA, 7<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
HARTFORD, CT 06103-1816

Dear Senator Lieberman:

This letter is an informational notice of the intent of the U.S. Postal Service to conduct an Area Mail Processing (AMP) study of mail processing at the Stamford Processing and Distribution Center for possible consolidation of some operations into the Southern Connecticut Processing and Distribution Center, located in Wallingford, CT.

The U.S. Postal Service is facing one of the most difficult challenges in its history. The present economic downturn and continued Internet diversion has led to a drastic 20 percent decline in mail volume since 2007, resulting in historically large deficits. As a result, the Postal Service is not earning enough revenue to sustain the cost of our processing and delivery network.

The fact is, our current level of equipment, personnel and facilities exceed what is needed to process a declining volume of mail. We must realign our network to match our resources with mail volume. Consolidating some postal operations and placing our people where we need them makes logical business sense given the economic realities. It would be fiscally irresponsible not to do so.

We are soliciting public comment for consideration as part of the study process. If the feasibility study supports the business case for consolidation, we will hold a public meeting to allow members of the community to ask questions and provide feedback. We will notify you when any public meeting will be held. The public's comments will be thoroughly considered in any final determination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kimberly J. Peters", written over a light blue horizontal line.

KIMBERLY J. PETERS  
DISTRICT MANAGER

  
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